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Product Formation)
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Atty Docket No.: BEH-7270 CT)

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Dear Sir:

Please find enclosed for the above-referenced application the following:

- 1) An Amendment (in response to Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment) (3pgs, 1cc);
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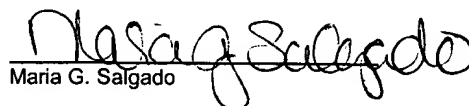
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AMENDMENT

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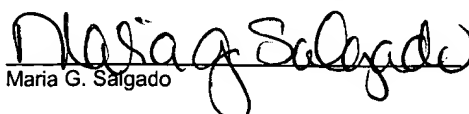
IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph of the specification as follows:

-- This is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/608,721, filed June 30, 2000, now U.S. Patent No. 6,368,803, which is a continuation of U.S. Application 09/440,363 filed November 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,121,001, which is a continuation of U.S. Application No. 09/015,949 filed January 30, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,110,627, which is a continuation of U.S. Application Serial No. 08/691,627 filed August 2, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,792,614, which is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/363,169 filed December 23, 1994, abandoned. --

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